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# STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

## NEW YORK.

### Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases by Physicians. (Reg. Public Health Council, Jan. 22, 1916.)

Regulation 2<sup>1</sup> of chapter 2 of the Sanitary Code has been amended to read as follows:

REG. 2. *Reporting cases of communicable diseases by physicians.*—It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the local health officer within whose jurisdiction such patient is the full name, age, and address of every person affected with a communicable disease, together with the name of the disease, within 24 hours from the time when the case is first seen by him. Such report shall be by telephone or telegram, when practicable, and shall also be made in writing, except that the written notice may be omitted in cities of the first class with the approval of the State commissioner of health.

This regulation shall take effect throughout the State of New York, except in the city of New York, on the 1st day of March, 1916.

### Cultures of Pathogenic Bacteria—Distribution—Approval of State Commissioner of Health Required. (Reg. Public Health Council, Feb. 4, 1916.)

The following regulation has been added to chapter 2<sup>2</sup> of the Sanitary Code:

REG. 43a. *Distribution of living cultures of disease-inducing bacteria.*—No person having in his possession the cultures of pathogenic bacteria shall sell or convey such cultures to any person or laboratory unless first approved by the State commissioner of health. This amendment shall take effect May 1, 1916.

### Local Health Officers—Qualifications—Time of Taking Effect Extended.<sup>3</sup> (Res. Public Health Council, Nov. 21, 1916.)

Whereas the epidemic of poliomyelitis during the summer of 1916 made such demands upon the time of physicians, and especially of local health officers of the State, as to interfere with their attendance upon the preliminary courses of instruction for health officers: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the qualifications for health officers heretofore established by the public health council shall go into effect on June 1, 1917, instead of November 1, 1916.

### Sanitary Code—Penalty for Violation. (Reg. Public Health Council, Jan. 22, 1916.)

Regulation 2<sup>2</sup> of chapter 1 of the Sanitary Code has been amended to read as follows:

REG. 2. *Violations declared to be misdemeanors.*—Any violation of any provision of this code is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both. This regulation shall take effect throughout the State of New York, except in the city of New York, on the 1st day of March, 1916.

<sup>1</sup>Pub. Health Repts., June 19, 1914, p. 1658; Reprint 279, p. 112.

<sup>2</sup>Pub. Health Repts., June 19, 1914, p. 1658; Reprint 279, p. 111.

<sup>3</sup>Pub. Health Repts., Sept. 24, 1915, p. 2914; Reprint 338, p. 384.